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**PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	09/899,649	: Examiner: Sun U Kim : :
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For:	RUNNING METHOD AND TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR SPIRAL WOUND MEMBRANE ELEMENT AND SPIRAL WOUND MEMBRANE MODULE	: Attorney Docket : No. <b>9982-21US</b> : <b>(1108US)</b> :

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2004 (Paper No. 032504) in the above-identified U.S. patent application. This response is being timely filed on July 2, 2004.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: